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SUBJECT: USARM HONG KONG CY1977 BUDGET PROPOEALS

1. WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY OM FULL DESCRIPTION OF USARM PROPOSALS FOR 1977. SUMMARY FOLLOWS. AS WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE, WE HAVE DIVIDED ALL EXISTING PROPOSALS INTO THREE ORDERS OF PRIORITY.

2. FIRST ORIPRITY: PROJECTS OF DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE BENFIT ONLY TO REFUGEES, AND CONTINUATION OF PRESENT SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC), CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS), INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE (ISS), AND HONG KONG CHRISTIAN COUNCIL (HKCC). THE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN IN FORCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND PROVIDE SERVICES THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT REFUGEES.

SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| CY1976 (ACTUAL)                   |         |         | CY1977 (PROPOSED) |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| REGULAR                           | SPECIAL | TOTAL   | REGULAR           | SPECIAL | TOTAL   |
| US\$                              | US\$    | US\$    | US\$              | US\$    | US\$    |
| IRC 56,000                        | -       | 56,000  | 72,800            | 1,5"0   | 74,360  |
| CRS 97,830                        | 17,000  | 114,830 | 115,680           | -       | 115,680 |
| ISS 24,608                        | -       | 24,608  | 29,420            | 4,100   | 33,520  |
| HKCC 94,562                       | -       | 94,562  | 108,285           | 415     | 108,700 |
| IRC (UPGRADING OF REFUGEE HOETEL) |         |         | -                 | 45,000  | 45,000  |
| TOTAL 273,000                     | 17,000  | 290,000 | 326,185           | 51,075  | 377,260 |

MOST OF THE INCREASES IN TH CONTRACTS ARE DUE TO INCREASED LABOR COSTS AND THE CHANGE IN THE EXCHANGE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR

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TO THE U.S. DOLLAR. THE IRC PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADING OF REFUGEE

HOSTEL WOULD BE A NEW CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

3. SECOND PRIORITY: CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN MACAU BENEFITING GROUPS WHICH INCLUDE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF REFUGEES.

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| CRS - FIVE-STORY RESETTLEMENT HOUSING                 | \$200,000 |
| CRS - IMPROVEMENT TO AUDITORIUM AT SANTA ROSA DE LIMA | 22,000    |
| TOTAL   | \$222,000 |

4. THIRD PRIORITY: CONSTRUCTION AND OTHR PROJECTS IN HONG KONG BENEFITING GROUP WHICH INCLUDE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF REFUGEES (LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY).

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| CRS - WELFARE AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER            | \$100,000 |
| HKCC - SCHOOL BUS FOR ST. SIMON' SERVICE CENTER         | 14,700    |
| HKCC - ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS AT YIM TIN TSAI VILLAGE | 109,000   |
| HKCC - KINDERGARDN AT SAAN MUN T AI, TAIPo, N.T.        | 42,000    |
| TOTAL   | \$265,700 |

5. TOTALS FOR EACH PRIORITY ARE AE FOLOWS:

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| FIRST PRIORITY  | \$377,260 |
| SECOND PRIORITY | 222,000   |
| THIRD PRIORITY  | 265,700   |
| TOTAL           | \$864,960 |

6. PROJECTS IN FIRST PRIORITY BENEFIT ONLY REFUGEES. PROJECTS IN SECOND AND THIRD PRIORITIES ARE IN AREAS HEAVILY POPULATED BY REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MOST OF THE BENEFICIARIES ARE REFUGEES, WE BELIEVE HIGHR PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS IN MACAU, AS THE ECONOMY IS NOT NEARLY AS DEVELOPED AS THAT IN HONG KONG, AND THE MACANESE GOVERNMENT HAS FEWER RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO AID ITS OWN POPULATION.

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